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CROSSFIELD DISTRICT SETTLED AT TURN OF NEW CENTURY

Along about the turn of the century the Crossfield district began to settle up.

Before that we had a few big ranches where cattle roamed the unfenced prairie and grew fat on the finest prairie grass in all Alberta and a few settlers with faces tanned the color of saddle leather and legs bowed from years on a horse.

Among these was the Willow Springs Ranch of Frank Collicutt, which later grew to be one of the most famous Hereford centres in North America. Many other smaller ranches nestled in the coulees with their herds of cattle running free, but so far as the eye could see, open rolling prairie. Crossfield, itself, a box car siding. The railway ran a tri-weekly service—that is the train went up one week and tried to get back the next as the road bed was for the greater part ungraded and ungravelled and trains crept along with fear and trembling, for those were the years when it rained all summer and snowed all winter. Roads, there were none and bridges none, and if you couldn't ride a horse you were out of luck.

Let's recall some of the early settlers, all with cheery smiles and some with beery breaths: Shorty Nier—the happiest liar in all the west.

Barney Madden—who loved the west and horses especially.

Tom Fitzgerald—with a loud voice and profane bark, who delighted in unseemly humor.

Sandy Cook—who sainted memory and tainted breath.

Art Hall—who lived by milk cows and loved baseball.

George Huser—who turned prairie soil into fruitful wheat acres.

Peter Palmor—who sold your land and let the buyer beware.

Sandy Stewart—who herded sheep, much to the disgust of the cattlemen.

Alex Sutor—who whose Scotch was so broad, people thought he was a foreigner.

Jim Tracey—who lived alone and died alone.

Robert Colling—who built the first church and sang in the choir.

John Lennox—who kind, helpful, happy, a friend of man.

Tom Magee—who sang beautifully and farmed some.

Harry Schofield—who with a rich baritone voice and a talented wife.

Jimmie Robertson—a big rancher in a big country.

Phil Whittaker—a mule skinner.

John Haynes—loud voiced and jovial.

Doug Ramsey—who held the first church service and played a good game of football.

Jack Grasley—a son of a real pioneer, who forsook the west for the comforts of the east.

Jack Clayton—whose charming wife and numerous progeny, are among our best people.

Bill Urquhart—an animal lover and a good citizen, who carried us all on his books.

Eph. High—who raised a large family, who still farm on all sides of Crossfield.

Billie Edwards—a lively man and a real horseman.

Evan Richards—a Welshman to the end.

Andy Adams—an early settler and still one of our best citizens.

Clarence Stafford—horse trader.

J. H. O'Neill—who would argue on any subject and knew all his facts.

Capt. Wigle—a gruff, hearty and a good road builder.

George Allonby—who would rather fit a bull for the show ring than anything else.

Dave Miller—who had positive opinions on how the world should run.

Bob Arnott—Clyde horses to the very end.

George Fox—a builder of houses and of communities.

Levi Bone—who built the big stone house that fell down.

These and a host more.

And out in the Beaver Dam district, the Walshes, the Mertons, the Ingens, the Farquharsons, the Havens, the Stones, the Caldwelles, the Salsburys, the Gelzons, the Estes, the Bantas, the Shells, the Todds, the Kieles, the Briggs, the Hoffmanns, the Larsons, the McPhersons, the Skerners, the Jones, the Ingalls, the Bevans, the Laidlaw, the Mallochs, who did their part in building the west, and their descendants still carry on.

So that the remembrance of these and many others in this district might be kept alive in our memories, this association was formed in November, 1926. After some preliminary talk on the streets, a few men gathered in the living room of Guy Gasley's house on a Saturday night and at this meeting this society was born. Present at the meeting were

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IN A TENSE MOMENT are Deborah Kerr and Stewart Granger, stars of the MGM film cast who travelled 25,000 miles around deepest Africa to produce the thrilling "King Solomon's Mines." Thousands of natives were employed in the picture and many thousand wild animals cross their path during this daring safari.

District Farmer Dies After Attack by Bull

CROSSFIELD.—A well-known district farmer was killed Saturday when he was attacked by an enraged bull on his farm near Madden.

Evert Green, 48, was found dead by his 15-year-old son, Dale. He was discovered about half an hour after the attack.

Mr. Green was doing afternoon chores when he was attacked by the bull. He was badly gored.

The body lay about 200 yards from the house and the bull's charge from view.

RCMP under Const. Mansel investigated the accident.

It is believed that Green intended to bring the bull into the barn when he was attacked.

Mr. Green was born in Sprague, Wash., and came to Alberta 21 years ago, living at Crossfield and Disbury before moving to Madden in 1943.

He is survived by his wife, Mary; four sons, Dale, Virgil, Billy and Lyle; and a daughter Evelyn, all of Madden; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rowland Green of Crossfield, and two sisters, Mrs. Veri Barnes at Dixie, Wash., and Mrs. Ernest Farrell of Crossfield.

CORRECTION

CROSSFIELD.—The article printed last week should have read Inverlea Sewing Club, and not Inverlea Curling Club in connection with a gift of money to Crippled Children's Hospital. This group also made a very nice donation to the WA of United Church before Christmas, which was very much appreciated by the president and members.

Home & School Holds Meet In Crossfield

CROSSFIELD.—The regular meeting of the Home and School was held on Thursday and was duly opened by Mrs. Levi Smith, vice-president. Owing to so many attractions there was not as good an attendance as usual.

Mr. Mumby, principal, reported that a visit from Health Clinic was anticipated soon, giving the children of grades 1, 2 and 3 a check-up, and would examine any other children whose parents are desirous of such, as he intends to spend an extra day for that purpose. Parents are to approach Mr. Mumby or the pupil's teacher.

By favorable motion a radio (portable) was ordered to be purchased for use in the rooms of the Misses Crawdia, Staggs and Thomas. Study groups in connection with H and S were organized. Lunch and pictures were enjoyed.

Crossfield Curlers Win Two Prizes

CROSSFIELD.—The Becker and Stillings rinks of Crossfield, in the ladies bonspiel in Carstairs brought home two prizes. Beckers, second in the No. 2 event; and Stillings, third in No. 3 event.

The High School ran a big bonspiel on Friday and Saturday. The only Crossfield rinks to stay in the money were Katie Kotows and Lawrence Lilley. Kates rink got fourth in second event and Lawrence rink third in first event.

Publisher's Mother Dies In Brandon

T. W. Pue, publisher of Alberta weeklies, received word Thursday afternoon of the death of his mother, Mrs. Thomas Pue, in Brandon General hospital. She was 61 years of age.

Born Vanna Mae Wittuhn, at Blue Earth, Minnesota, she came with her parents at an early age to Brandon en route to Arcola, Sask., where the family homesteaded in the Moose Mountains. Mrs. Pue recalled how the family was boarded at an hotel in Brandon for two weeks while the CPR was busy trying to clear the west-bound track of heavy snow.

She was married to Thomas Pue in Brandon in 1914, and lived there without interruption, at the same house that she moved into as a bride. Besides her husband Mrs. Pue is survived by a second son, Fred, and a daughter, Doris (Mrs. Chas. Hunt), also of Brandon. There are five grandchildren: Dian and Betty Mae Pue of Edmonton; Alex and Edward Pue and Richard Hunt of Brandon.

Mrs. Pue was known to a number of Edmonton friends, having visited her son and his family frequently.

Mr. Pue, who left Friday to attend the funeral in Brandon Saturday afternoon, is well known throughout Alberta as editor and publisher of 33 weekly news papers. He is a former circulation manager of the Brandon Daily Star and prior to the recent war travelled in Eastern Canada for the Toronto Daily Star.

Cord of Thanks

We wish to express an appreciation thanks to our many friends who remembered our hour of sorrow with kindly deeds, flowers, cards and letters of sympathy.

—Garnet and Thelma O'Neil.

C.F.J.

And so for evermore they stuck it.

Because they could not kick the bucket.

Thus my friend you may safely bet.

Still unconsumed, they are roasting yet.

Our way towards the last we went.

We hope you've borne it to the end.

'Shakespeare's 'King Lear' Act 2, Scene 2, line 64.



JOAN ARMSTRONG is seen operating a sterilizer in Canada's first co-operative hospital, at Sherburne, Ont. Citizens financed hospital themselves, asked no grants from government.



FASTEST KNOWN aircraft in the world are these Sabre jet fighters. A U.S. plane, they have clashed with the enemy in Korea. Britain is ordering some which will be built in Canada.

EDITORIAL PAGE

Immigration For Defence

If Russian armies should sweep across Europe this year, there will be millions of people shrouded in by the advancing iron curtain, who could have been kept free in the Americas.

Within the next decade we in Canada should plan on increasing our population by 1,000,000 per year. A great part of this will be natural increase, anyway, but the difference should be made up of young people and older skilled workers who want to come to Canada and who will be able to add to our defence effort, increasing security for us all against the threat of Communism.

Adding up the factors in favour of greatly increased immigration against the silly excuses against it, we think the Liberals can do no better job, in aid of our country, than to introduce more workers and potential soldier-material to our defence program.

There are thousands of acres of farm land, waiting for the touch of the plow. Who knows what the vast areas north of the Athabasca river will do for agriculture unless given a chance?

The development of our country and its security rests in the ability of our legislators to get sufficient population to round out our economy and its defence position.

No Gas Export

Decision of the Alberta government not to allow export of natural gas will probably be met with by approval of most of the people of this province.

The commission enquiring into the feasibility of exporting natural gas found that Alberta's reserves were not sufficient to allow export of gas and still guarantee this province adequate supplies during the next 30 years.

We are willing to stand by the findings of the commission, and believe that the government had no alternative but to decide against gas export.

We were disappointed, however. We were hoping that investigation would show Alberta to have enough natural gas for both domestic consumption and export.

The situation will be reviewed again at a future date. It is now up to the oil and gas industry to get out and locate enough reserves for Alberta to both export gas and still have enough for local use.

Demand For Food

An interesting report has been handed us on the effect of the 1950 Korean war on the demand for food products, and the possible effect on prices. There will definitely be greater demand for Canadian agricultural products and this should result in a better price.

We say it should, and by other reports we learn that the Western Wheat Pools have finally come to realize that the British-Canadian Wheat Agreement cost wheat farmers millions of dollars. Dollars that could have been used to tide them over in times of drought and crop failure, purchasing power that would enable them now to buy more modern machinery to boost production in face of steadily increasing demand.

We congratulate the Alberta Wheat Pool on at last admitting that Canadian farmers during the past ten years have lost a total of nearly \$600,000,000.00. Whether prairie farmers ever receive part of this huge sum or not, is doubtful. We hope that in future our farmers can sell their wheat at its market value and if our government has to sell it below cost that the difference in price is shared by the all Canadian people — not just by the wheat producers.

Note and Comment

A racket is a device to extort money without giving a fair return.

Principles must be above expediency if our political system is to endure.

Accidents on our highways occur every day, not just during holiday weekends.

The cost of defence will begin to appear when income tax payments are made.

What's Happening To Canada's Press?

By Raymond Argyle

A chain of events has been set in motion that may smash this country's independent newspapers and weaken a cornerstone of Canadian democracy.

A thing of this nature only happens once in any country. Because after it has happened it is too late for democratic interests to do anything about it.

It has happened in countries other than Canada.

Strange things are going on during these first weeks of 1951.

A prosperous newspaper has mysteriously folded up . . . supplies of newsprint are strangely disappearing on newsprint mills to newspaper plants . . . mergers and amalgamations of several papers are in the wind.

The twin bulwarks of freedom — labor unions and the independent press — are under fire.

Will freedom of the press soon become the right of only a few?

UP TO GOVERNMENT

It won't if Canada's government exercises its power to put a stop to this before it is too late.

Canada possesses anti-trust laws. It has the authority to smash cartels and crush instances of economic dictatorship.

As far as the newspaper industry is concerned, it will remain free only as long as newsprint (paper) supplies are available to independent publishers.

Drastic, and probably unwarranted increases in newsprint prices have already placed many independent papers in an unstable position.

Now newsprint supplies may be choked off if the government does not step in and do something.

A Royal Commission to enquire into the newspaper and newsprint industry is an urgent necessity.

The government should set up such a commission without delay.

In the meantime, as the only large independent newspaper organization in northern Alberta, we recognize the obligation events have placed upon us.

We shall do our utmost to honestly and impartially report the news, to speak out without fear in our editorial columns, and to let our readers have the facts on all matters of public interest.

And the support of our readers is needed in the trying days ahead.

Only if the independent press remains free and alert, will freedom be preserved in Canada.

From A Warmer Climate

(Edmonton Journal)

The University of Alberta's professor of entomology, Dr. E. H. Strickland, was telling a city club the other day about "one of nature's mysteries" — the existence of tropical insects and animals in the Alberta area just east of Medicine Hat.

In the Cypress Hills there, Dr. Strickland said, he had found a variety of scorpions, termites, tropical wasps, horned toads, and a kangaroo rat. Just to prove the point, he displayed a live scorpion caught in Medicine Hat.

Dr. Strickland offered a scientific theory as a possible explanation of this oddity in temperate Canada, but perhaps Rudyard Kipling had the answer when he described the Alberta hot spot as having "all hell for a basement."

Perhaps the "fauna" were not trapped by the hills, but came up from below!

Community Enterprise

(Drumheller Mail)

The truest measure of community spirit is reflected in the number of successful projects sponsored in the city and district over a period of one year.

Each project, large or small, depends on some help from each of the citizens. A drive for funds for charity purposes calls on a show of generosity; construction of a rest room would require substantial volunteer skill; promotion of sport is dependent on support.



With war threatening, the free world can be strengthened by more immigration from Europe to the Americas. Immigration for defence will lessen the burden on Europe and strengthen this country.

Voice of the People

"VOX POPULI, VOX DEI"

Confusing the Young

Dear Sir—We like your editorials, but I object to the letters published in a recent issue. The one written by Marlene U. was unspeakably vulgar. The other two, by Frankie, and Ed Nixon — well, all I can say is, I am sorry to see them published. There are so many things publishable confusing to young minds, and I would like to see your paper kept free of such things.

Jasper Place

READER

He Wants Calendars!

Dear Sir—I am surprised you mention all the calendars that's piling up in your office — some of which you don't dare expose! Well! I need a few calendars and will be glad to have a few of the ones you would not dare to expose. I enclose a dime to cover postage. Looking forward to receiving an ample supply.

ARNE NOTLAND

Morris.

Answer to Athiest

Dear Sir—I am surprised to find you willing to print the rotten Bible criticism in your paper from Mr. Athiest. I assure you your paper will not progress by printing long and silly stuff of its kind.

I trust there are many readers who will not tolerate blasphemy of that kind in their home.

He says he doesn't wish to argue about the Bible. Neither do I. God's word is too holy to argue about.

The world is looking for rest and peace and safety but they

cannot find it because they have left the Prince of Peace out.

S. JOHNSON.

Hughenden.

Blame the Gov't.

Dear Sir—So Mr. St. Laurent has gone to England and did you hear his statement? He was sure the people of each country wanted peace.

How foolish can he be? Of course the people want peace. The blame for war lies with the governments of each country.

MRS. A. E. LOGAN.

Alcomdale.

Recognize the Truth

Dear Sir—The letter from Marlene U. should not go unanswered. It is high time we recognize the truth that Psm. 127 and 128 declare, "Lo, children are a heritage of the Lord."

Such despicable people as Marlene U., who doesn't want children, should be brought under control, and given a proper outlook on life.

"CHILD OF CHRIST"

South Edmonton.

That 'Gristly' Editorial

Dear Sir—As editor you can put what you want in the paper, but you don't have to publish any filth that comes your way. Your gristly editorial on the gristly subject of artificial insemination should have been left unwritten. Your paper goes into homes, and questions by children would be hard to answer and if answered truthfully would add nothing useful to the education of a child.

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Typhoid Fever Uncovered In Fort Saskatchewan Jail

An iron curtain of censorship has been clamped over the provincial jail at Fort Saskatchewan following an outbreak of typhoid fever that has struck down at least one inmate and is threatening the health of guards and prisoners at the institution.

Officials of the attorney-general's department and the jail have refused comment on the outbreak.

Typhoid can only be caused by filthy conditions, and is often fatal.

FEVER OFTEN FATAL

It is described as an "enteric fever caused by bacillus in impure drinking water or tainted food."

The disease causes severe fever, characterized by extreme weakness, brain disturbance, and a red rash over the entire body.

It is highly contagious. In addition to the outbreak at Fort Saskatchewan, two people

have come down with the disease in the Devon district. Devon is upriver from Edmonton about 20 miles, while Fort Saskatchewan jail is about the same distance downriver.

The Devon cases occurred a mile east of the town, and half a mile downriver from the Devon town sewer outlet.

As typhoid always strikes in places most susceptible to the disease, this would account for the outbreak at Fort Saskatchewan.

FILTHY CONDITIONS

The jail has been notorious for its filthy conditions, and typhoid would find a ready welcome there.

The announcement of the outbreak of typhoid was reported by Dr. Norman Baxter, provincial director of communicable diseases. Warden J. D. McLean of the jail has made no comment.

It was reported that blood checks are being made on prisoners at the jail, to determine whether any others in the institution have contracted the disease. Several months ago this newspaper reported that filthy conditions prevailed in the jail, and that a major outbreak of disease was probable.

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TO AID CRIPPLED CHILDREN HERE

Alberta's first concentrated Easter Seal Campaign conducted in affiliation with Easter Seal campaigns across Canada will be held in the northern part of the province in February and March.

The campaign will be conducted under auspices of the Edmonton Cerebral Palsy Association affiliated with the Edmonton and Red Deer branches of Associated Canadian Travellers and the Kiwanis Club of South Edmonton. The Edmonton Cerebral Palsy Association is acting as official representatives in Alberta of the Canadian Council for Crippled Children who have conducted the campaign in most of the other provinces for many years.

Dr. George E. Shortt, MBE, PhD, of Edmonton is chairman of the Easter Seal Campaign for Crippled Children. His central committee for the campaign consists of W. A. Aird and D. D. Dalquist representing the Associated Canadian Travellers; Alan McRae representing the Edmonton Cerebral Palsy Association and Dr. E. M. Gordon representing the Kiwanis Club of South Edmonton.

The Kiwanis Club has taken over the handling of the campaign in the city of Edmonton, and the Travellers will conduct the drive in the rural area. Approximately 154,000 envelopes containing seals will be mailed out to all residents from Olds north.

He stated that the Edmonton Branch of the Associated Canadian Travellers have been doing much work for crippled children in Northern Alberta for the past four years primarily through their search for talent fund raising activities in Northern Alberta towns.

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JASPER PLACE mayor, J. M. Stone, is seen here examining block of 'stramit' handed him by Urban Nelson, representative of Swedish industrialists who plan to establish a plant to manufacture revolutionary building material. See story below.

Swedish Interests Plan Alberta Building Industry

Final plans are being laid for a \$100,000 manufacturing plant in Jasper Place that may revolutionize the building industry in Alberta.

The plant will manufacture a new type of building block—'Stramit,' which may cut construction costs in half.

The Stramit is made from compressed straw, and is reported to be more durable than wood.

Plans of the Swedish industrialists first came to light in a story in Jasper Place Review.

Jasper Place has been selected as the probable site because, lying as it does on the western outskirts of Edmonton, it is close to an adequate labor supply, potential market, and raw materials.

Little combining is done in the area west of Edmonton, thus assuring the plant of an adequate supply of straw.

The firm's representative, Urban Nelson, says 'Millions of tons of straw is wasted each year in Alberta, and a Swedish invention, the straw board (Stramit), will provide a revolutionary, cheap building material.

In Sweden, Mr. Nelson adds, 10,000 houses have already been constructed of Stramit.

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Crossfield District

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George Murdoch, Guy Gaszely, George McLeod, Louis Bliss, Dan Fike, Culver Calhoun, Jim Tracey, George Kinney and Dan McArthur, and after a long discussion, the Crossfield District Old-Timers' Association was formed with Wm. Laut the first president and Rev. Roy Taylor the first secretary. We didn't need a treasurer that night, as we had no money.

The first intention was to make the year of residence for qualification 1900, but some of the younger ones objected, as they had not been here long enough, so the date was left open till the following Saturday and a survey of the district made and it was later decided to make it twenty years residence or 1906. Your committee was still fearful that we would not have enough people so we raised our sights and agreed that anyone that had been in the province before December 31, 1906 would be eligible. By this we expected to get 150 people. How little we knew of the instant popularity of the organization, is evidenced by the fact that we had 250 at our first round-up. In fact, Mr. Angus McDonald, who, as secretary of the Cochrane organization, was our guest that night, remarked it was the healthiest infant he had ever met.

It is a tribute to the planning of the first executive that the form adopted at our first meeting has never been changed for twenty-four years—Dinner, Entertainment, Dancing. It was our custom at early banquets to serve buffalo and moose to our guests, but an unhappy experience at our second dinner with a very venerable buffalo, who had lived too long and must have died unhappily, put an end to that and we now serve civilized food.

At our early meetings we were favored with visits from the Calgary organization, the Southern Alberta Old-Timers, all of whom brought good appetites, and some of them speeches, and words of commendation and encouragement. Harold Riley, long-time Secretary, and one of the founders of the Calgary association, was often with us as were many of their officers and members. Copy Smarty after a third helping of turkey and fixings, pried himself out of his chair and said he would like to kiss the lady that prepared that dinner, so we presented George and Fonn, who were our caterers that year.

Our successive presidents over the years were: Wm. Laut, Frank Ruddy, W. Urquhart, Harve McCool, A. M. Wygie, A. D. Currie, Chas. Fox, Carl Becker, Ken Borbridge, Wilson Stafford, George Murdoch, Frank Collicutt, Ivor Lewis, Robert Laut, Harold Robinson, Grant O'Neill, Jim McCool, Frank Laut, Jim Schofield.

And our secretaries: Rev. Roy Taylor, Ivor Lewis, George McLeod, Sid Willis, Evelyn Lilley.

And on the executive in the early years were: Louis Bliss, Sam Collins, Hank Selvert, Culver Calhoun, Dan McFayden, George Paton, Dan Pike, Chris Amundsen, Ed Meyers, Dan McArthur, Fred Stevens, Frank Ruddy, George Becker, and many others of a later generation.

And heading the ladies' committee in the early days, who did the work of arranging the banquet year after year, we must not forget the late Mrs. Maud Thomas, who with the assistance of the wives of the other members, were untiring in their efforts to make each meeting a success. These duties have now been taken

over by the wives of the younger members whose enthusiasm has never lagged and originality in plans and decorations impress us all year after year.

Now a few members and I am finished:

I remember—That Dan Fike and Culver Calhoun were appointed a committee to sit in the secretary's office and seat that none but the qualified got by and your credentials had to be good or no ticket.

I remember—When one of the old-timers celebrated not wisely but too well and when he was assisted to leave, rolled all the way down the stairs, but he wasn't hurt, as he was old and tough.

I remember—(And this was a personal touch)—When Mrs. Jimmie Robertson and I opened the ball in the old Circassian Circle and I lost her in the crowd and never did catch up again.

I remember—When fame came to Crossfield when Bernice Walsh of Beaver Dam rode old Smokey in Calgary over the high jumps, winning a name for herself and the plucky little horse.

I remember—When Pete Knight rode to fame and fortune on the back of bucking bronchos, and wherever he went he was still known as Pete Knight of Crossfield—and I sadly remember that he rode to his death.

I remember—Our own Donnie McFayden who chased a hockey puck from high school to the big league.

I remember—Not too many years ago when Margaret Fitzpatrick carried the name of Crossfield across the waters to the great Olympics.

I remember—Ellis Morrow, a green Englishman when he arrived, but later a farmer, a magistrate and a great educationalist, who now holds a chair in the British Columbia University.

I remember—The one and only get-together of the Crossfield Old-timers in the old hotel hall. There was no news for the paper the next day as nobody remembered what happened.

And of course I remember—The old Agriculture Fair, one of the best in the province, when we all had good horses and were proud of them and the competition was keen and the rivalry great, and I remember when Mrs. Hector McKenzie rode in the races and often beat the men and the old harness races when Gordie Urquhart and Hughie McElnan matched their driving skill.

I remember—The British crowd—do you? Jim Cavander, Tom Mages, Harry Schofield, Godfrey Jones, Ivor Lewis, Percy Swann, Ed. Gregory, Billie Clark, Ross Peacock, Gordon Hensen, Alfred Grieves, who preserved their old-country accents and customs to the end.

I remember—A great Burns night when the food was good, the songs gay and titling, the speeches boasted of the greatness of the Scotch, the dances too difficult for ordinary Canadians.

I remember—The night when Hughie McIntyre and Lochie McLean did a highland fling. I wonder if they could do it now.

I remember—Ken O'Neil entertaining us with a step dance to the applause of the audience.

I remember—When George Murdoch said he was too shy to do his presidential duties and said he would be more at home with the bulls in the corral, but carried on for three years of our very best meetings.

I remember—The great stag party when Frank Percival went away and the wine flowed freely. I remember—When G. T. Jones moved away and we presented him

with a gold headed cane and a plug hat so that he might continue to be an English gentleman.

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How Does It Get That Way?

After having his face scrubbed and being told not to get his face dirty again that day my little nephew said "Mother, how does my face get so dirty when it is so high off the ground?"

Hurt Their Ears

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Fatsinger — Only with the neighbors.

Selfish

"That girl has got a sylph-like figure."

"Yeah, and she keeps it all to her sylph too."

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LETTER TO LOUISA

Disapproves of Boy Friend Because He's Serviceman

Dear Louisa— I have been going with an Air Force man who is 20 and I am 15.

I've been out with him a lot and he is very nice and not mushy. All of my schoolmates have met him and they think he is nice too.

I live with my grandparents and they do not approve of any servicemen and think it is shameful for me to talk with one. They are afraid I'll get a bad reputation.

He likes to go to dances at the "Rec" centre and the basketball games. He likes the same things I like and is very much interested in sports.

Please tell me what to do.

WORRIED.

Answer:

I think that it is unfair to be prejudiced against a man because he is in the service. There are fine young men and also rascals in Uncle Sam's air force and unfortunately, some of the boys who behave all right around home are liable to kick over the traces a bit when they get to a place where no one knows them. On the other hand, if the good people in the town are not hostile to the boys in the camp, it leaves them no choice of the kind of people they can associate with.

Your young man sounds like a nice chap and maybe the only objection to your association with him is the difference in your ages. As a usual thing, I think a man of twenty is rather old to be going with a fifteen year old.

LOUISA.

Dear Louisa—

When I was fifteen years old, I fell in love with a guy who was thirty. But at that time we both deceived each other about our ages. He thought I was older and I thought he was younger.

We continued dating for a year or so after we found out each other's ages but he met another girl and we decided to stop dating.

Now, I am eighteen years of

age and I still love him and I sincerely believe he loves me.

Could you give me some advice? HEARTBROKEN.

Answer:

If he dated you for several years after he found out your age, I feel certain that that factor did not enter into the situation.

Why do you think he still loves you? If he did, he would probably be trying to date you.

I am afraid it is just wishful thinking on your part to think he still loves you.

My advice would be to try to forget him.

LOUISA.

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Passing of Bulletin Marks End of Era As Gallant Newspaper Dies In 71st Year

By RAYMOND ARGYLE

A tersely-worded three-sentence notice hanging on the news room wall of The Edmonton Bulletin — and the word "Scuttled," scrawled below it in thick black pencil—marked the passing of Alberta's oldest newspaper last week-end.

After 70 turbulent and boisterous years a newspaper that had become a great institution in the west suddenly vanished from the scene.

The announcement that The Bulletin was folding up burst like a bombshell in Edmonton Saturday morning.

The staff and even key executives at The Bulletin were taken completely by surprise. Not a word leaked out until Publisher Hal Straight told a quickly assembled employees meeting that the paper would publish its last editions that day.

Straight told his workers that rising costs were making it impossible for The Bulletin to meet the problems thrust upon it by the paper's expansion of the past few years, and that it was therefore necessary to suspend publication.

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A front page announcement, which raised eyebrows and started people asking questions, said, in effect, that the paper was folding up because it was "too successful."

The announcement said that "In the last three years The Bulletin has made the largest percentage gain in circulation and advertising of any newspaper in Canada."

"Restricted newsprint (paper) supply, building and mechanical expansion limitations, forbid The Bulletin to handle this extraordinary growth, as we have to discontinue publication."

Straight later added that the paper folded because its growth confronted the management with the problem of building a new plant and buying a new press at an outlay of \$1,000,000.

Because The Bulletin couldn't handle the business thrust upon it, he said, the paper was going out of business.

In the last three years The Bulletin's circulation increased 66 per cent and its advertising volume 88 per cent.

WHAT KIND OF SELL-OUT?

Early Saturday morning a report circulated throughout Edmonton that The Bulletin didn't just fold. The report said that it had been bought out by the powerful Southam family, who publish seven daily papers in Canada, including The Edmonton Journal!

Both The Bulletin and The Journal have denied this.

The Journal, however, has taken over the subscription list of The Bulletin, plus the Bulletin's equipment.

The suspension of the paper hit the Bulletin staff hard. They were given two weeks advance pay—but it broke their hearts to see the paper they loved and admired die a sudden death.

It was more than just losing a job. It was like losing a good friend.

A black wreath was hung in The Bulletin's front window—around a copy of the paper.

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Staff members wandered around the building, lost and dejected. To some tears came without restraint.

The staff of the paper still hasn't recovered from the shock.

The paper's second-floor newsroom was bustling with activity when news editor Bill Lewis, who had been with the Bulletin since 1928, tacked that notice on the news room wall—"With today's issue the Bulletin ceases publication for good."

ONLY STRAIGHT KNEW FATE

Hal Straight, publisher, was the only Bulletin staffer who knew the paper's fate.

One hundred seventy-nine people were in the employ of the Bulletin, which was owned by the Essex Co., proprietors also of the Bulletin Printers Ltd. and the Calgary Albertan.

H. R. Milner, an Edmonton lawyer, and E. M. Bell, Calgary businessman, held controlling interests in the Essex Co.

Alex Janusius, editor-in-chief of the Bulletin, was in Montreal on holidays when the sudden end came. He was telephoned long-distance by a Bulletin reporter, who had trouble convincing Janusius that the paper had actually folded up.

What shocked the people most was that the Bulletin—on the surface, at least—appeared not the least bit anemic. The vigorous and lusty sheet, so many thought, would some day be Edmonton's leading newspaper.

To tell the full story of the Bulletin, one has to go back 70 years to the day when young Frank Oliver trudged into the little pioneer town of Edmonton with a sturdy but battered old Red River cart.

COURAGEOUS PIONEER

He carried a very special cargo—a little printing press and a few galleys of type. Bent on launching a newspaper, he started the Bulletin as a tiny four page weekly.

From the very outset the paper spoke in a loud and aggressive voice. It grew and prospered with Edmonton, in 1892 became a twice-weekly, and after the turn of the century switched to daily publication.

Late in the 1920's after the death of Oliver, who had become minister of the interior in the dominion government, The Bulletin was sold to Charles Campbell, a young Vancouver newspaperman.

In 1948, after a long and costly fight with the International Typographical Union—in which both The Journal and The Bulletin were involved—Campbell sold out to a group of Alberta and B. C. businessmen.

The new owners promptly settled up with the union—The Journal didn't and is still a non-union paper.

The Bulletin owners hired Hal Straight, an editor of the Vancouver Sun, to come in and manage the paper.

Straight built The Bulletin up from a circulation of 19,000 to 32,000, and put out an aggressive and vigorous newspaper.

While doing it, incidentally, he had one of the largest turnovers in staff of any paper in the country.

The Journal which had a circulation of 59,000, will now go up to an 90,000 circulation daily, one of the largest in Canada.

Dominance of the Edmonton Journal in an area so large as northern Alberta poses as a serious threat, in the minds of many, to the general welfare of the people in this area.

There was a time in Edmonton's long and colorful history that three daily newspapers vied among each other for public support.

Diverse views of opinion, and all shades of political thought, found space in the papers of those days—there was no such thing as monopoly.

The Bulletin was joined in the daily field early in the century by The Journal, and the old Daily Capital.

The Capital died during World War I.

But throughout three periods of different ownership, The Bulletin always prided itself on being a crusading newspaper. It usually had "color" on its front page—big headlines, lots of red ink, and many feature stories.

When The Bulletin folded last Saturday, W. A. Macdonald, vice-president of the Southam Co. and publisher of The Journal, denied that the Southams had bought out The Bulletin.

Yet after The Bulletin folded, all physical assets were taken over by the Southam Co. Presses, type setting machinery, and other mechanical equipment was transferred to various Southam papers throughout the country.

Some view the move as part of a nation-wide campaign to establish a monopoly in Canada's newspaper industry—others view it as a determined attempt to smash the powerful International Typographical Union.

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CROSSFIELD NEWS BRIEFS

There are eleven Crossfield rinks now on ice in the Airdrie bonspiel which started on Monday of this week.

Those who remember Ellen (Onell) Lawrence, will be pleased to hear that she is promoted to the rank of Grandma, as her daughter Kay (Mrs. Joneson), on Jan. 18, presented them with a grandson called Lawrence. Ellen lives near Powell River, B.C.

Rev. Anderson officiated at the marriage of Miss Evelyn Marie Corbett of Crossfield, to Ronald Arthur Aylsworth of Calgary. The wedding took place on Saturday, Jan. 27 in the manse and was witnessed by Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Donald.

David Clinch has been in the hospital in Calgary since Dec. 30. He has undergone surgery for an abscess on the brain. It is hoped that he will be better soon and able to get home.

Ivor Lewis left recently for a trip to England on "The Cynthia." We hope he has a nice time and a fair passage to his native land.

Donald Beddoes is taking an electric welders course at Tec in Calgary.

Miss Stagg, Miss-Crawford and

Miss Thomas all live at the teaching now.

The Purvis and Woods rinks in Calgary made a very good showing but were unfortunate in getting in the money.

The Mountaineers are engaged for the Calico Ball on March 15 in the Community Memorial hall. This will be good news to all who enjoy music for old timers, as that orchestra has filled the bill for a number of years, and are booked a year in advance.

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Due to the furnace change at the S.D.A. Church, the Dorcas Ladies met at Mrs. John Leske's on Sunday, to sew the quilt for the Red Cross Sale, and before the day was over the quilt was done. Those taking part were Mrs. Jarah Gimbel, Mrs. Sam Leske, Mrs. Emil Gramms, Mrs. Bennie Huether, Mrs. Dan Gramms and Mrs. John Leske. Thanks, ladies, for being brave enough to come out in such cold weather to do something for the Junior Red Cross.

Mr. Alex Vorrath and boys, after spending a few months in B.C., are back again and living in Beiseker for the winter, where the boys are attending school.

There was no service the past week-end at the S.D.A. Church, because the furnace is being changed from coal to oil.

Rev. Henry Verrath of Kelowna, B.C., after a convention at Regina, stepped off to visit Mrs. Peter Vorrath of Beiseker, and spent Sunday with his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Leske.

A baby shower for Mrs. Raymond Triebwasser was held at the home of Mrs. Mabel Lay on Wednesday night. A good number attended and many useful gifts were presented to Mrs. Triebwasser.

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